

I too believe in responsible language in radio broadcasting. I believe it should be done voluntarily by all broadcasters. I also believe that most broadcasters have been and are using responsible language on the air. My understanding is that most complaints regarding profanity or obscenity have been made against a very small number of programs, stations and broadcast groups. It is inappropriate to require that all radio broadcasters record their programming when the problem stems from but a few. Broadcasters should be free to make decisions of where best to spend their money for their financial well being to best serve their communities in the public interest.

I'm further concerned about where things might go forward from requiring recordings. Everything breaks at some time or other. Recording equipment will malfunction. Tape breaks, hard drives fail, audio recordings will fail to be made or will be destroyed based on these equipment malfunctions. What will happen then? Will broadcasters face huge fines for not producing a recording? Are we as broadcasters to be assumed guilty until proven innocent?

Respectfully submitted,
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